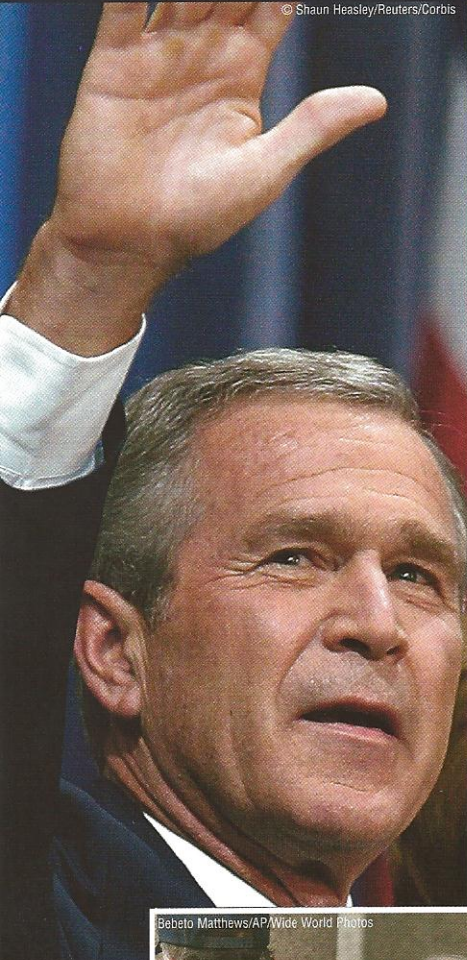


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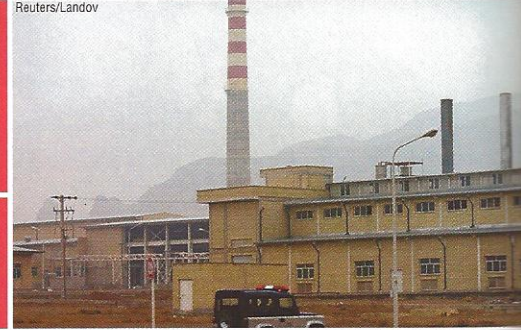


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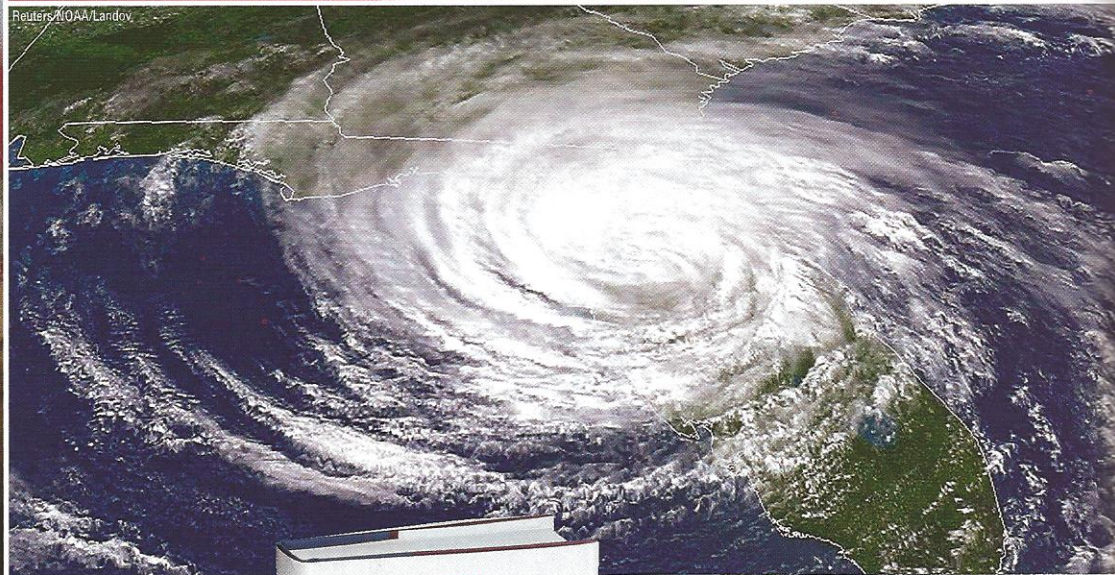
➤ Republican incumbent George W. Bush narrowly defeats Democratic challenger John Kerry in the hotly contested 2004 presidential election.

➤ Despite assurances that its nuclear program intentions are peaceful, Iran voluntarily suspends its uranium enrichment activities in the face of protests from NATO and the U.S.

➤ Five hurricanes hit the Caribbean Sea, Florida and the southeastern U.S. coast in the fall of 2004, causing \$25 billion in damages.



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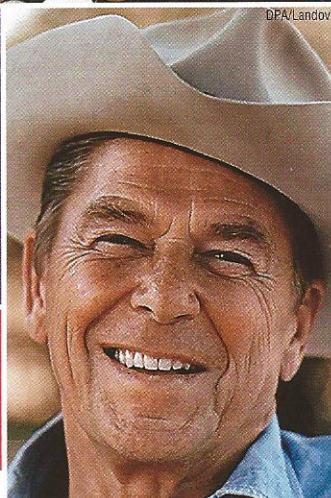


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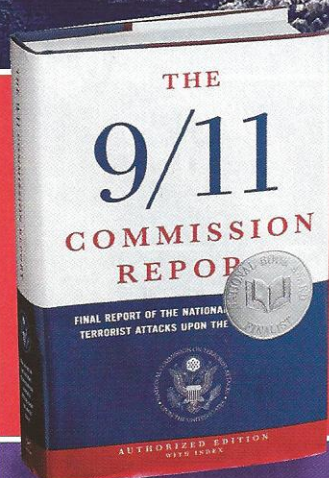
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➤ Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart begins serving a five-month jail sentence in West Virginia, after being found guilty of lying about a suspicious stock sale.



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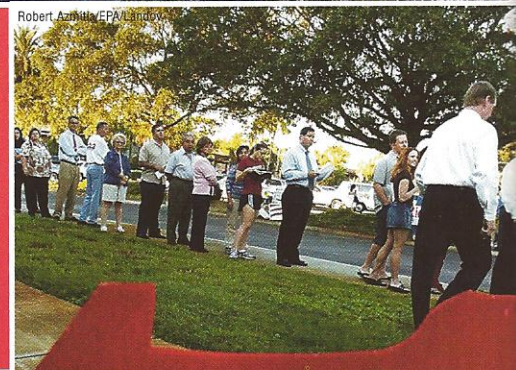
➤ Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th president of the United States, dies in June at the age of 93.



➤ In July, the Bipartisan 9/11 Commission releases its report of circumstances surrounding the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

➤ Strong partisan division over issues at stake throughout the 2004 presidential campaign results in record turnout of voters under 21.

➤ In November, Minnesotan Chai Vang allegedly shoots and kills six hunters and wounds two others after he is caught trespassing on a hunting platform in Wisconsin.



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